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1. _____

a. Occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops, including recruits, of an AAA unit. The majority of the soldiers were between 18 and 20 years of age.

b. forty 76.2-mm AT guns, eighteen 37-mm AA guns and four heavy machine guns on tripod mounts were observed.

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2. _____

a. Occupied to capacity by about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia.

b. One 57-mm AT gun, six 76.2-mm AT guns, five 120-mm mortars and three tanks were observed.

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3. Former Michhorn Kaserne (divided into two sections by a fence) on Luellroserlandstrasse:

a. The northeastern section served as quarters for transient soldiers (going on, or returning from, furlough). Many transient soldiers of all branches of service were observed.

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b. The southeastern section was occupied by about 600 troops of an infantry unit, including about four hundred 18 to 20-year-old recruits. The unit was commanded by Lt Col Rudich.

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a. Occupied to capacity by about 500 troops of a tank unit, possibly including submachine gunners. Most of the observed soldiers wore tank insignia.

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b. Four tanks, four SP guns

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Occupied by about 100 troops allegedly belonging to an armored reconnaissance unit. One kaserne building was used as transient officers' billets. There was little motor vehicle traf-

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b. Four armored reconnaissance cars were seen in a garage.

c. The kaserne had been occupied by about 400 troops. Three hundred troops left at the beginning of the maneuver period and had not returned.

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a. Occupied by about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia, some with eagle-insignia.

b. Nineteen heavy tanks (of two different types), ten 37-mm AT guns, two 57-mm AT guns and two 76.2-mm artillery pieces were observed.

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7.

a. Occupied to capacity by about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia.

b. Five heavy tanks, twenty-one 76.2-mm guns without muzzle brake (blocked up near the target range, with the barrels elevated) three 76.2-mm guns with muzzle brake, ten 37-mm AT guns and nine 100-mm mortars were observed.

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8. The kommandatura building was occupied by about 100 troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets and red-bordered green epaulets.
9. guard personnel on duty in the ration supply depot came from the former Infanterie Kaserne.

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